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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Atsushi SHIMODA *et al.*  
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 For : METHOD FOR ANALYZING CIRCUIT PATTERN  
 DEFECTS AND A SYSTEM THEREOF  
 Art Unit : 2623  
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 Conf. No. : 9403

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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 Commissioner for Patents  
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 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

14 December 2004

Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for a two month extension of the shortened statutory period for response set by the Office Action mailed 14 July 2004 in the above-identified application. The requisite fee of \$450 is attached hereto by Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038. Please charge any actual deficiency of fees due to ATS&K Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (as Order No. 501.39619X00).

Respectfully submitted,



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